

THE ANNUAL CONDITION OF IOWA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES: 2008

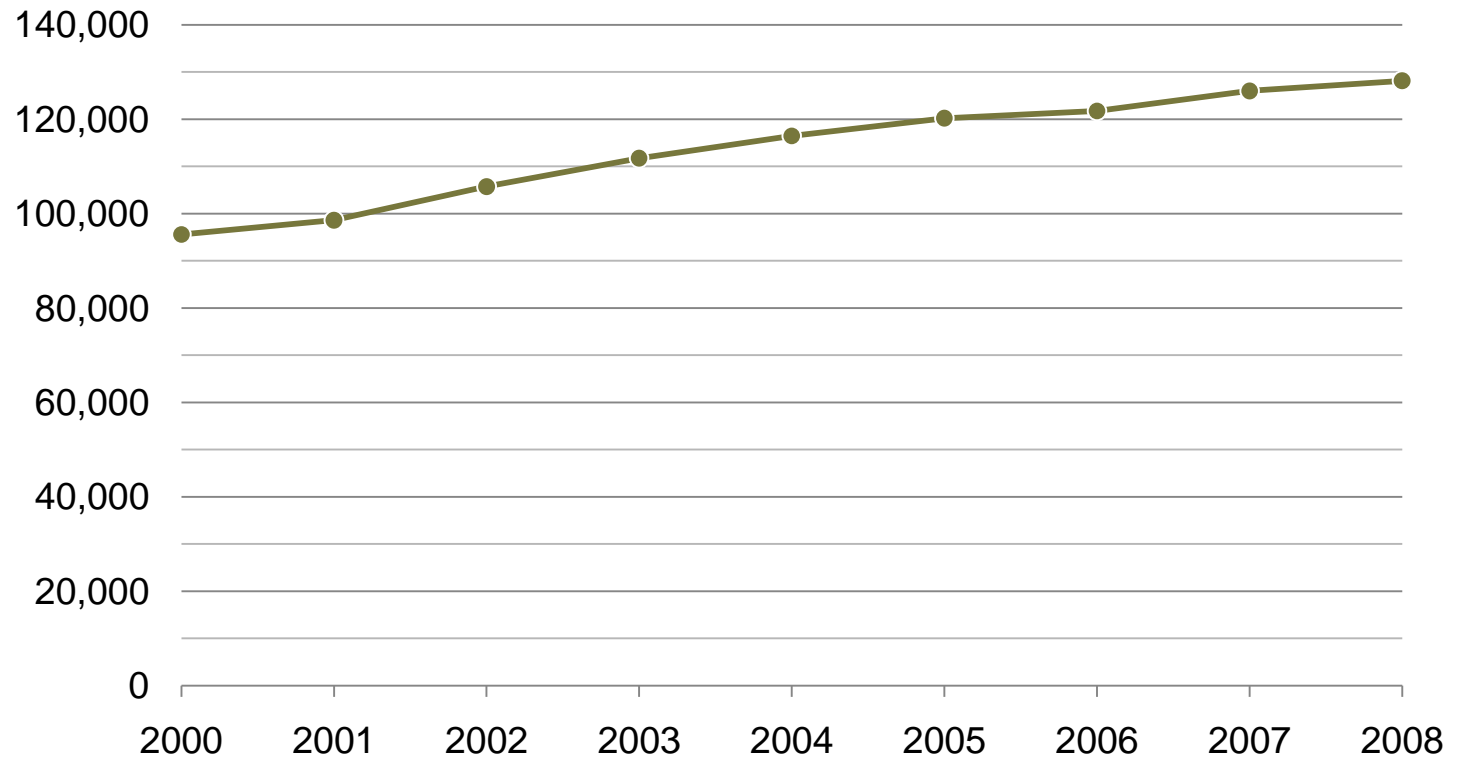
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Fiscal Year Enrollment

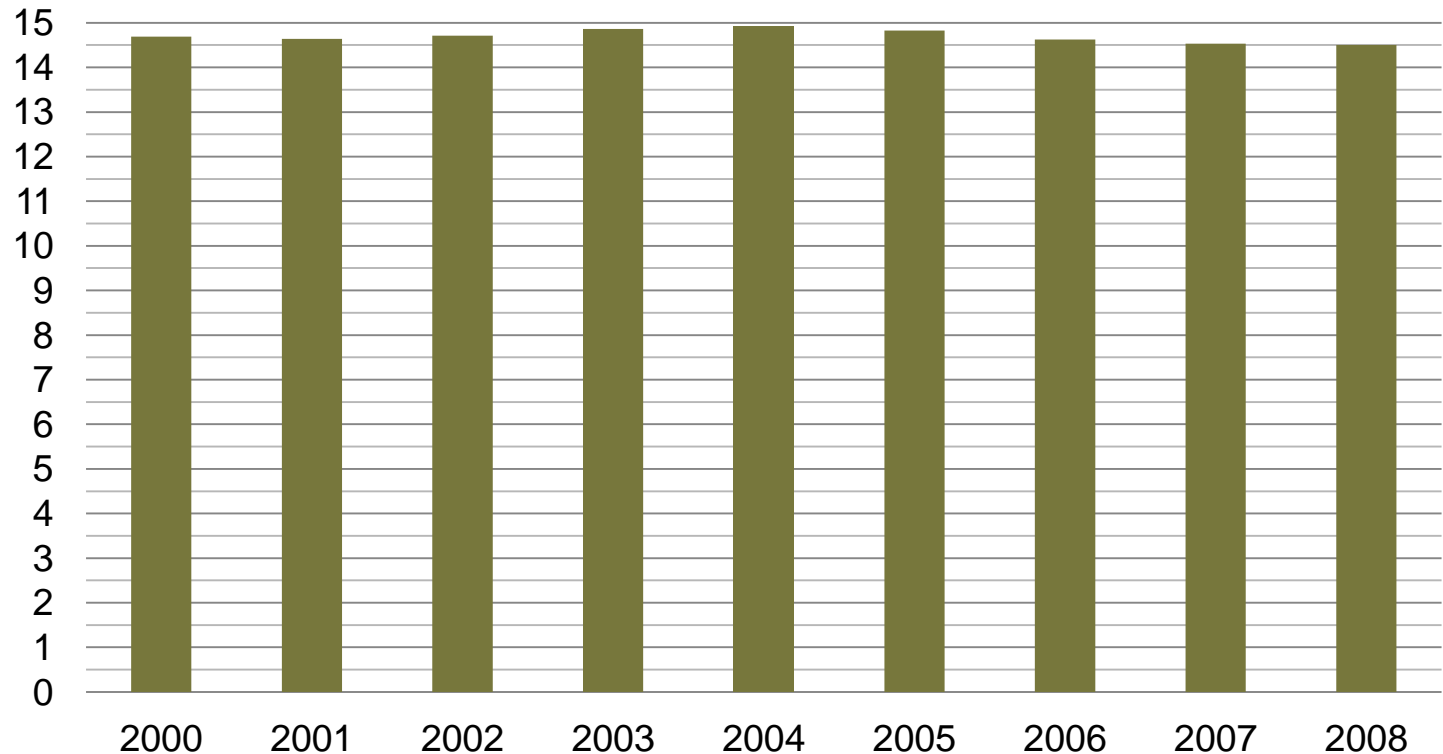


Enrollment increased to a new record high of 128,146, an increase of 1.7 percent over last year. Although an increase, growth was slower than prior years.



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Credit Hours per Student



Enrollment and credit hours grew. In actuality, students enrolled in fewer credit hours on average. Credit hours per student fell to 14.5 credit hours per student. Typically, a community college course is 3 credit hours.



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Student Demographics

Female

57%

Young

24 years old

Resident

93%

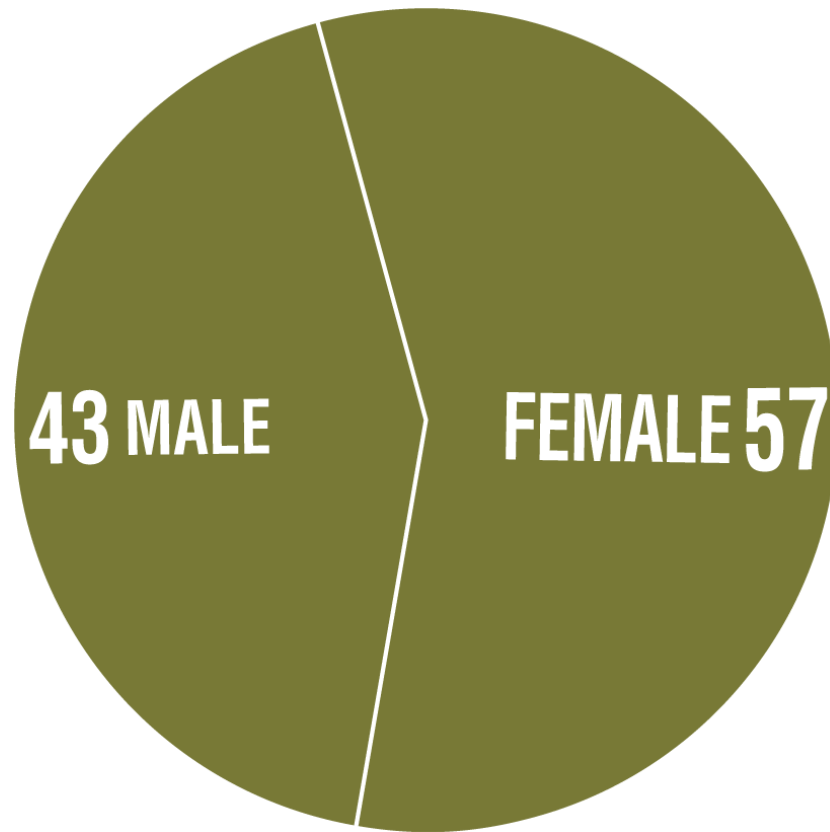
White

89%



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Gender Distribution

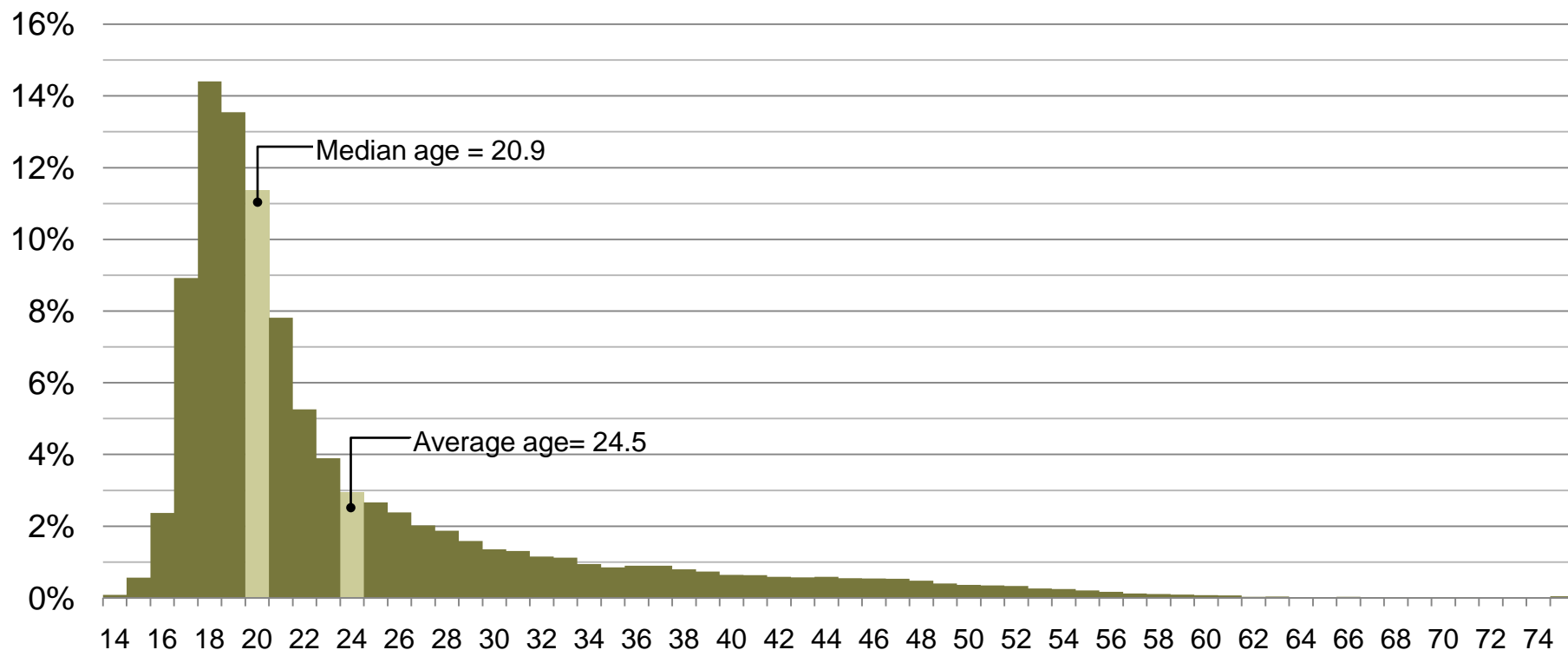


Females comprise 57 percent of community college enrollment. This is equal to the share of women enrolled in community colleges nationally. Ever since 1980, women have comprised a majority of enrollment in higher education.



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Student Age

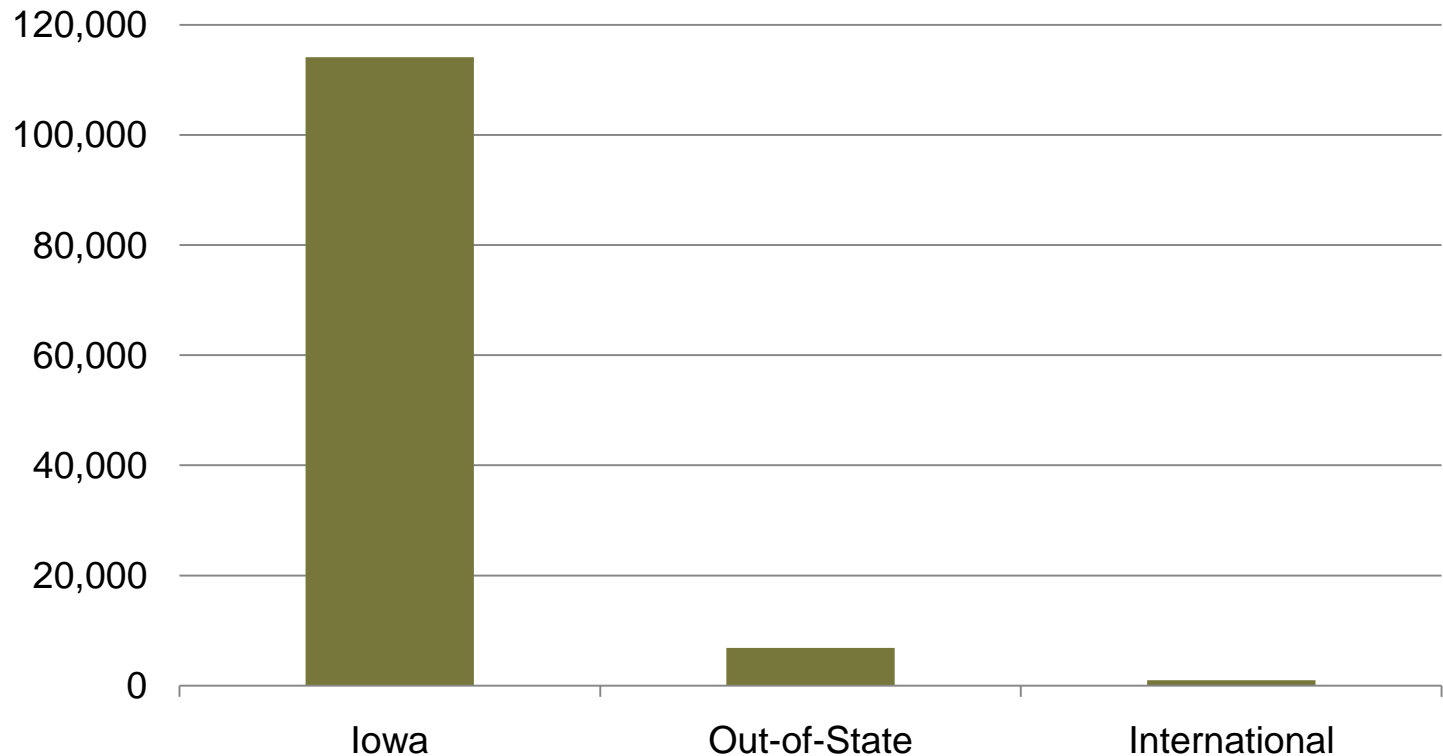


The average student age is 24.5 years-old, the same as the most recent national estimate. The median age, however, provides a better discription of students. In 2008, the median age was 20.9 years-old.



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Student Residency

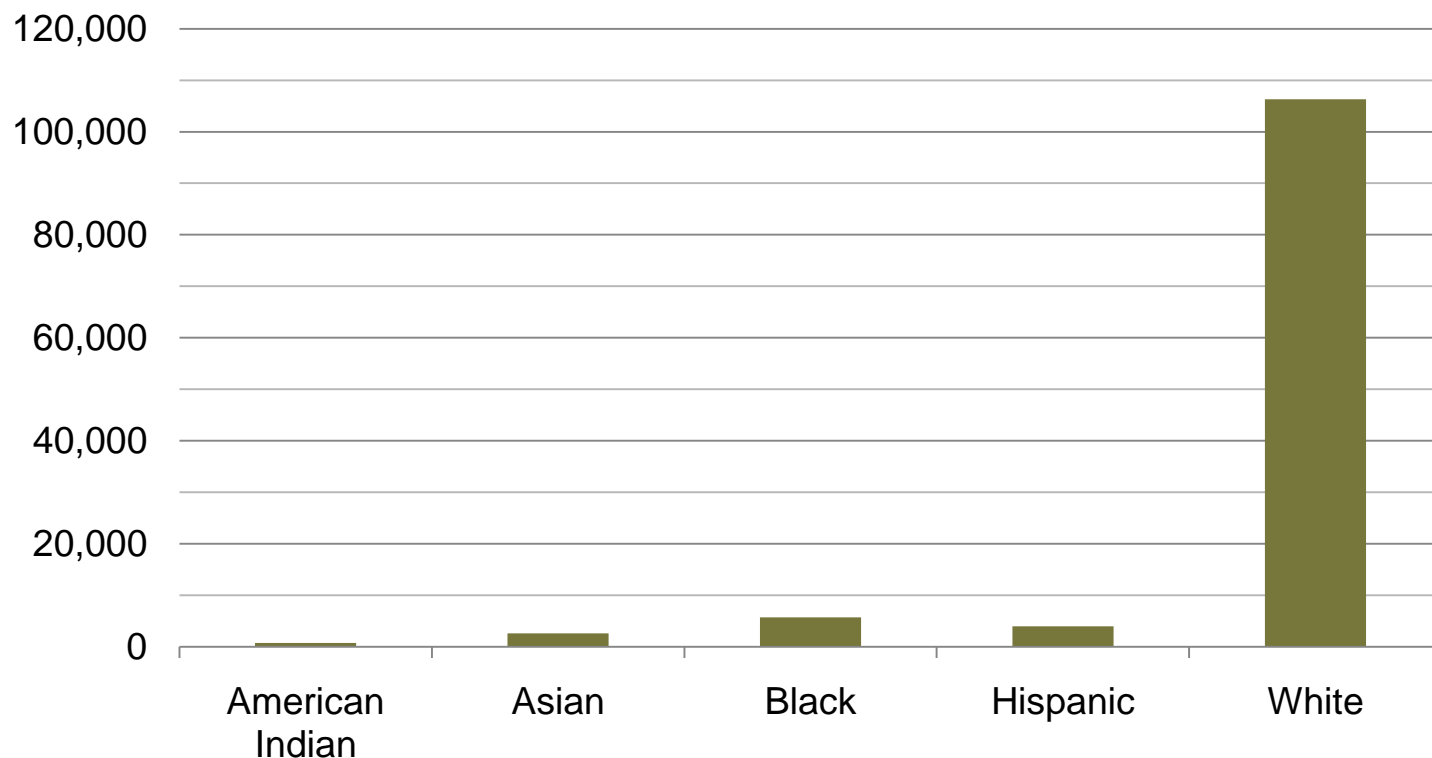


Over 93 percent of community college students were residents of the state. Six percent were residents in another state, while less than one percent were international students.



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Race & Ethnicity

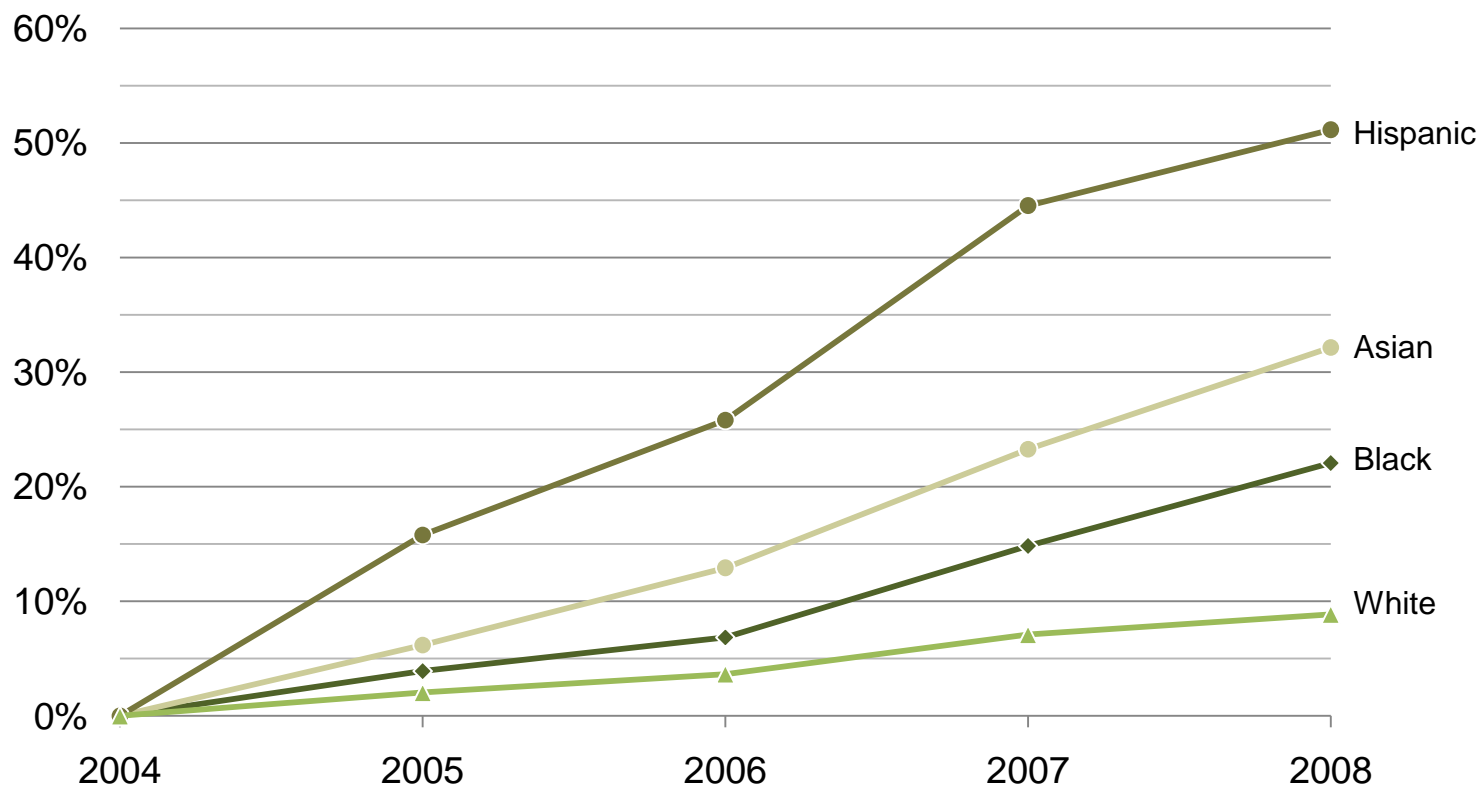


Whites are the largest group (89 percent), followed by blacks (4.8 percent), Hispanics (3.3 percent), Asians (2.2 percent), and American Indians (0.6 percent).



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Race & Ethnicity Growth

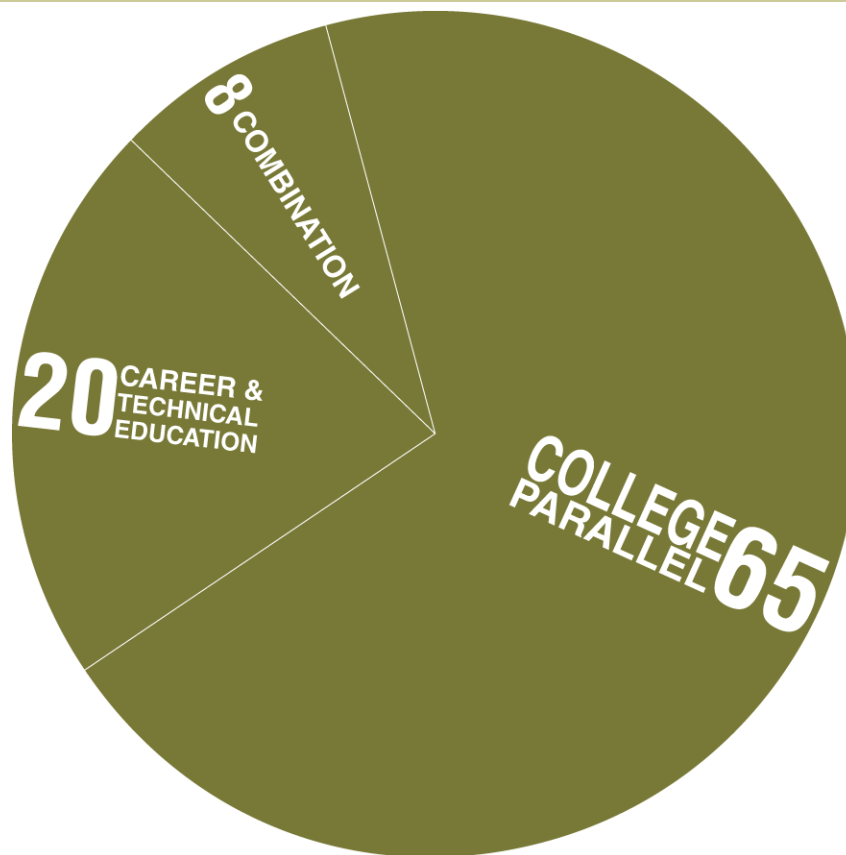


Hispanics are the fastest growing group in community colleges, growing 51 percent since 2004. The number of black and Asian students grew 32 and 22 percent respectively. The number of whites grew 8 percent.



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Program Types

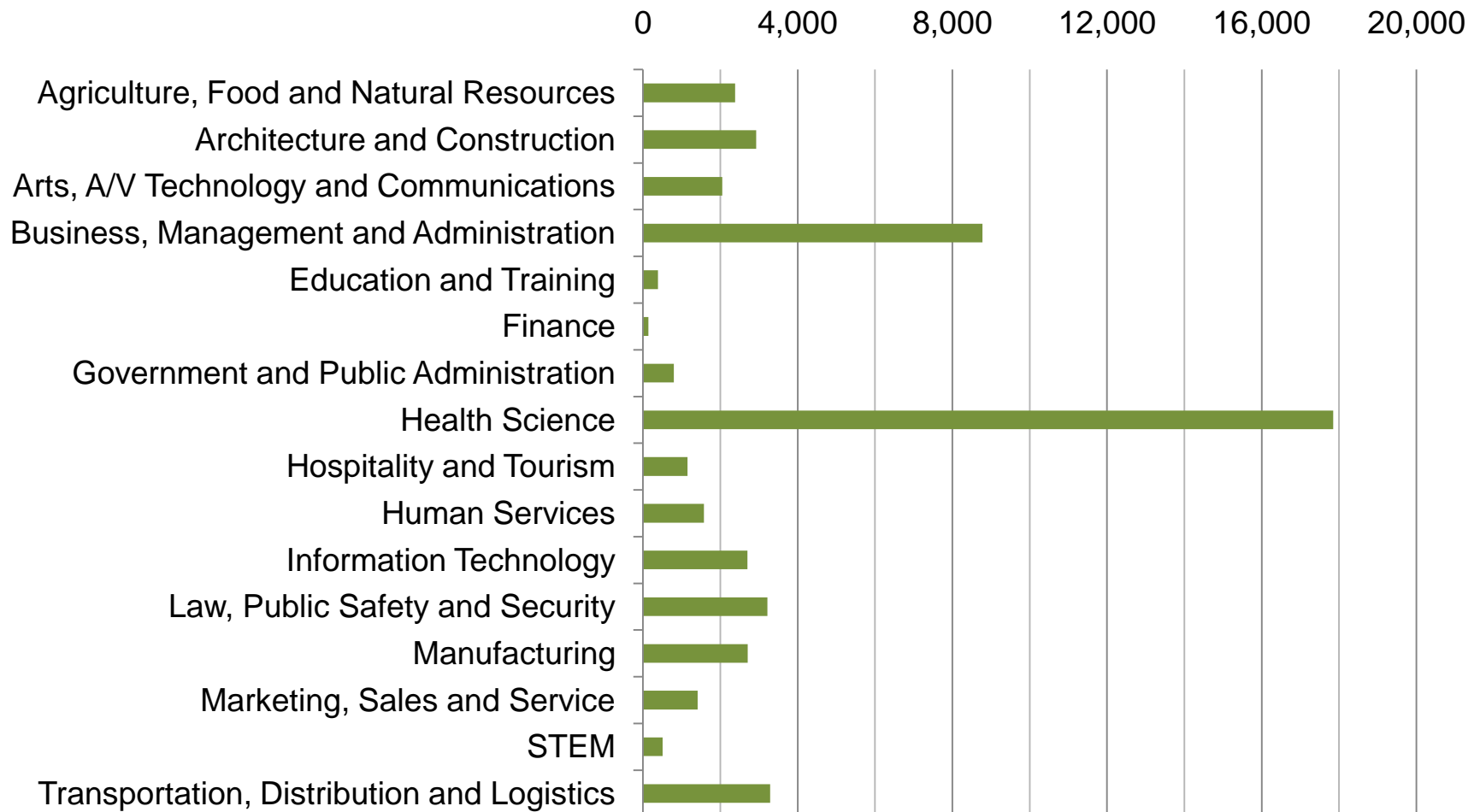


College parallel, as in previous years, is the largest program type. Most of these students continue onto a 4-year institution after leaving the college. CTE is the second largest with 32 percent of enrollment.



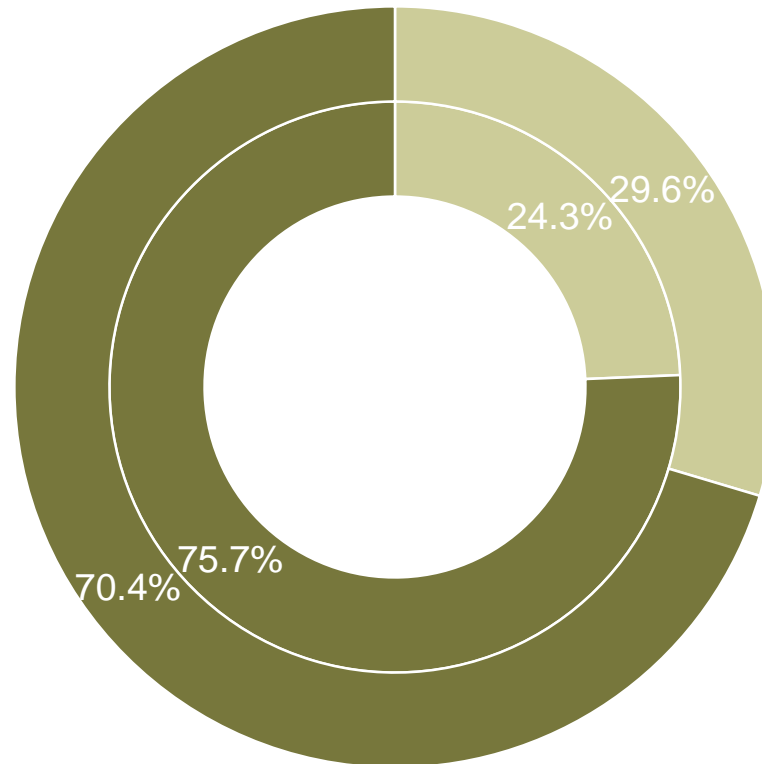
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CTE Majors



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Online Enrollment

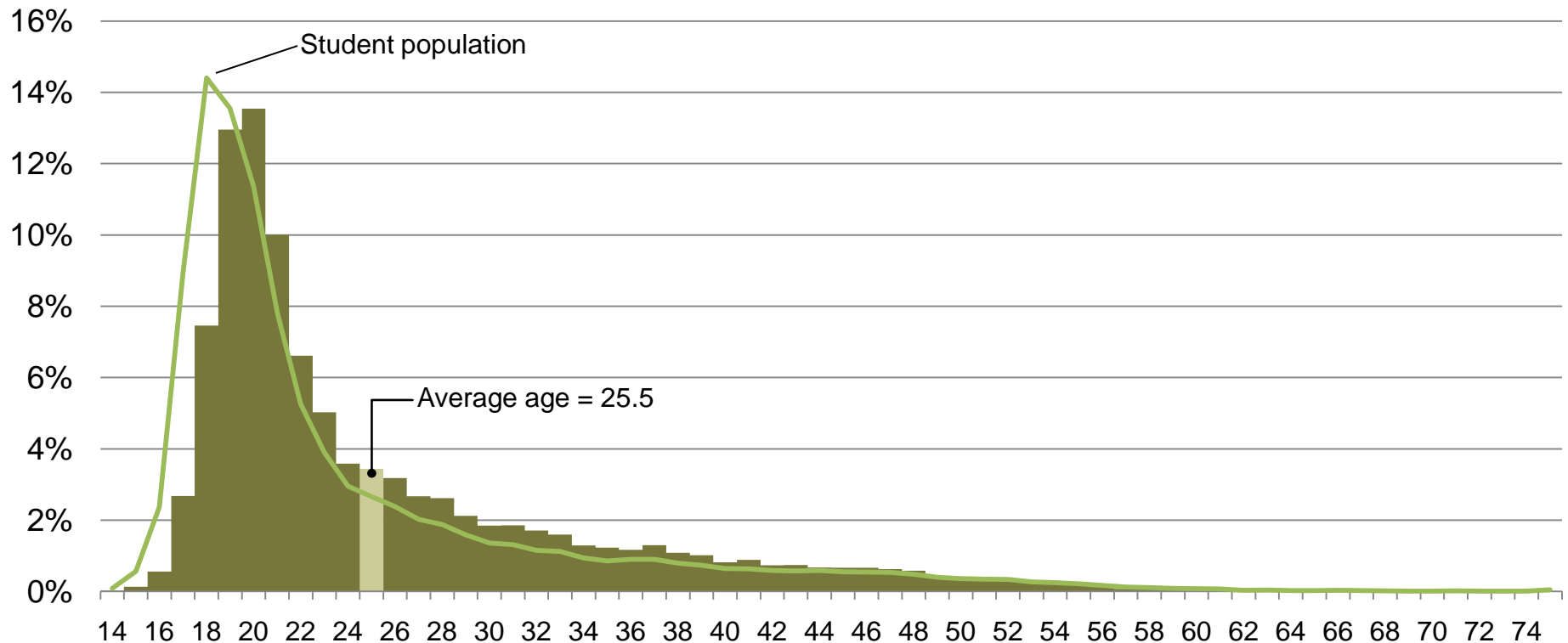


Enrollment grew 13 percent to 36,776 students. Twenty-nine percent of students enroll in one or more online course in 2008 compared to 26 percent in 2007.



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Enrollment by Age

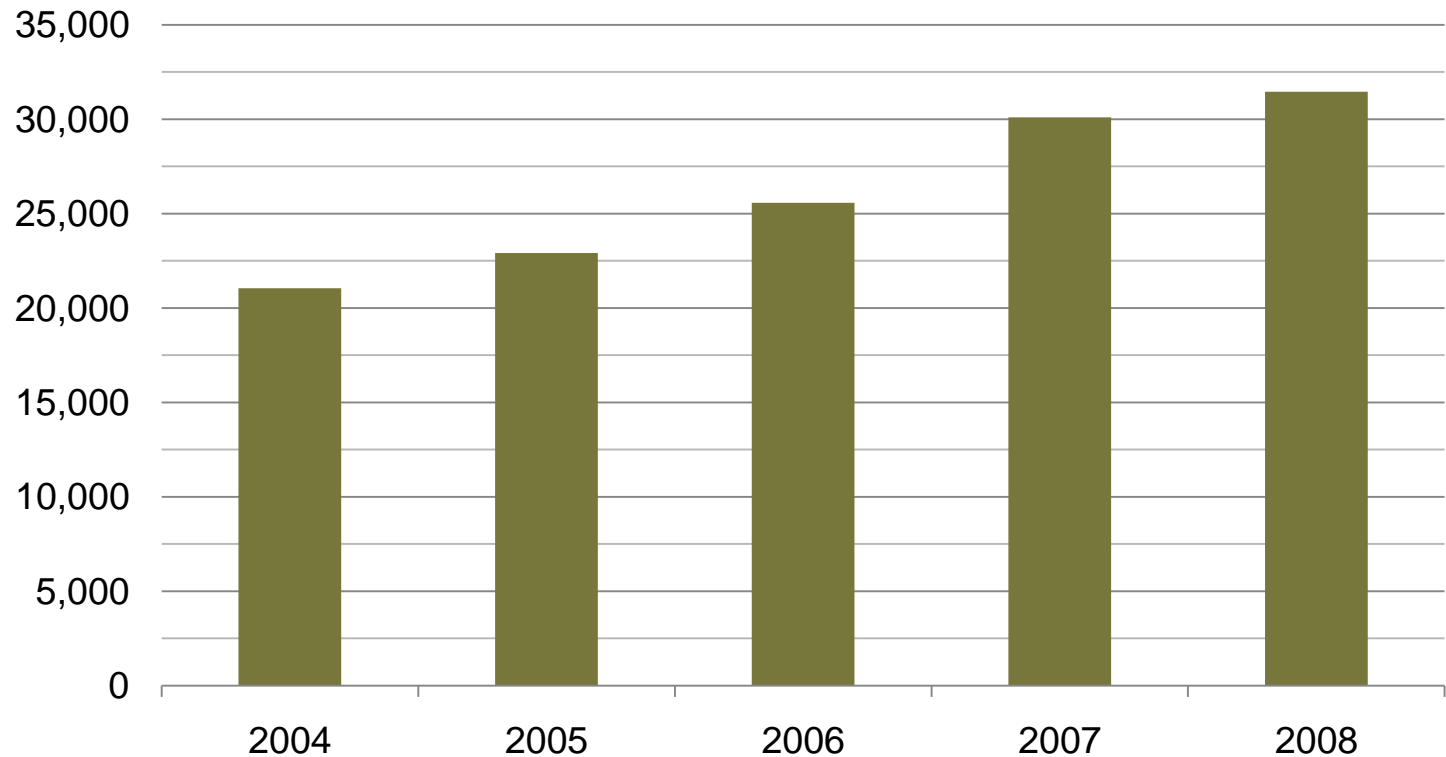


The average age for students who enroll online is 25.5 years-old, slightly older than the overall student population (24.5 years-old). Online enrollment is more popular for students in their mid-20s through mid-30s.



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Joint Enrollment



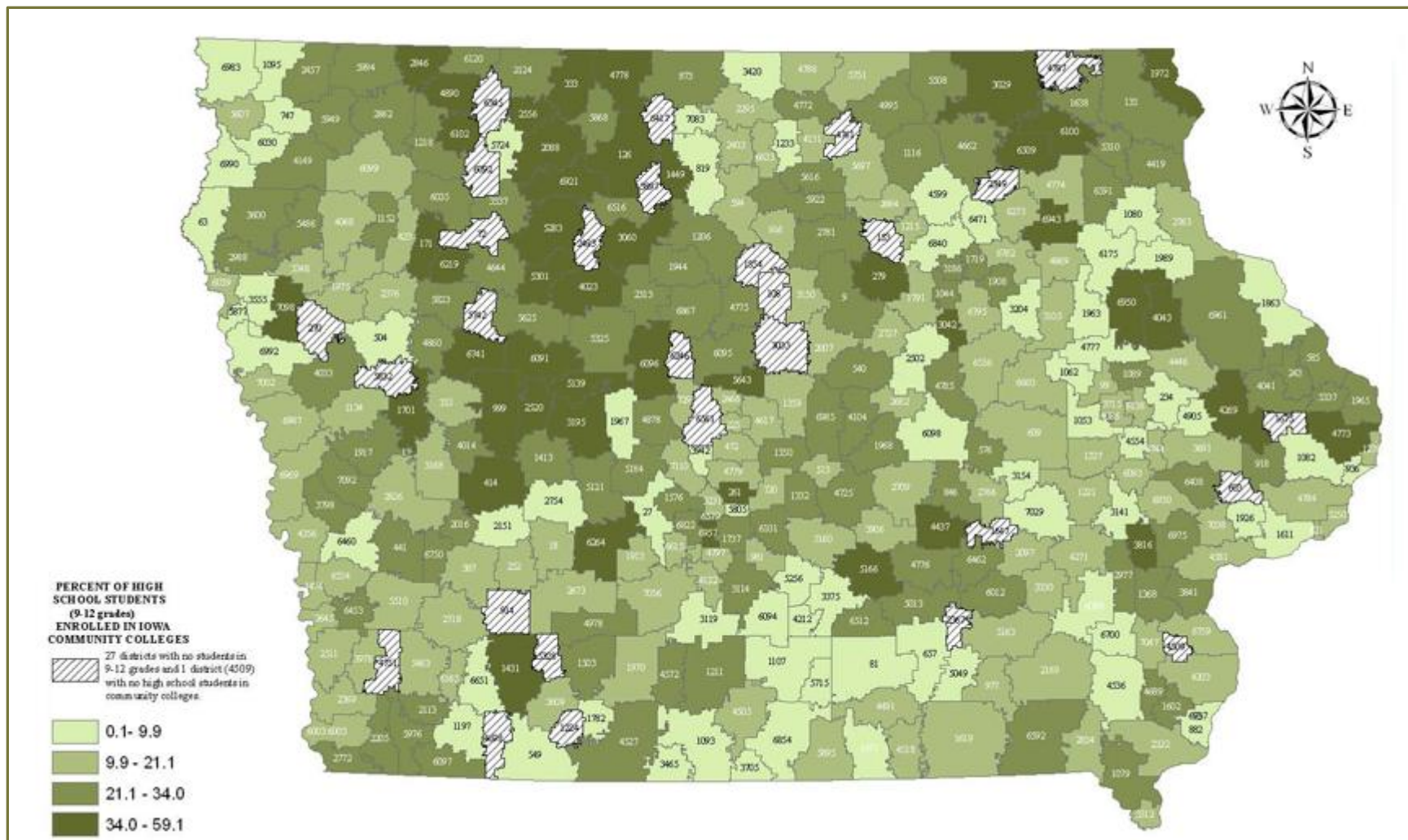
Joint enrollment grew 4.5 in 2008 to 31,450 students. Although enrollment grew, it grew at a slower rate than prior years.



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Enrollment by District

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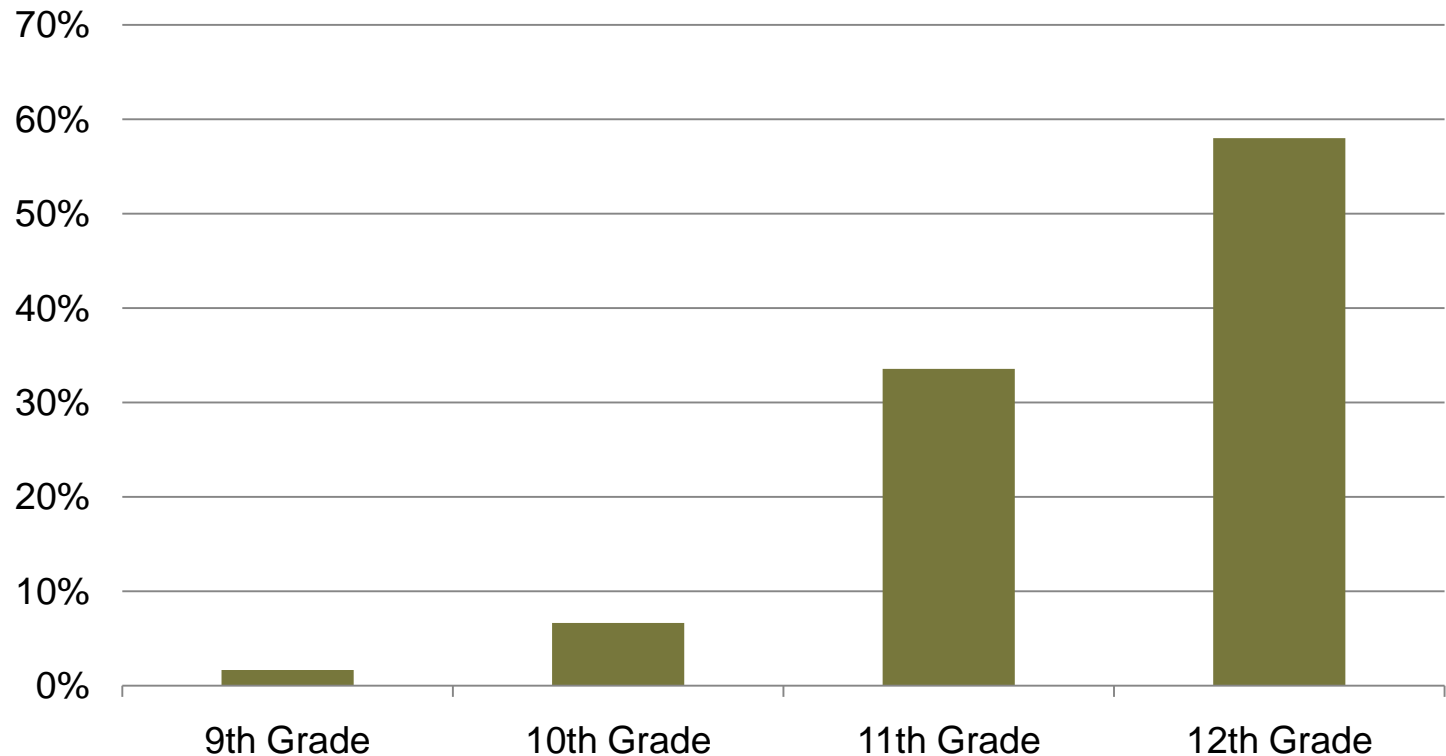


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Grade Level

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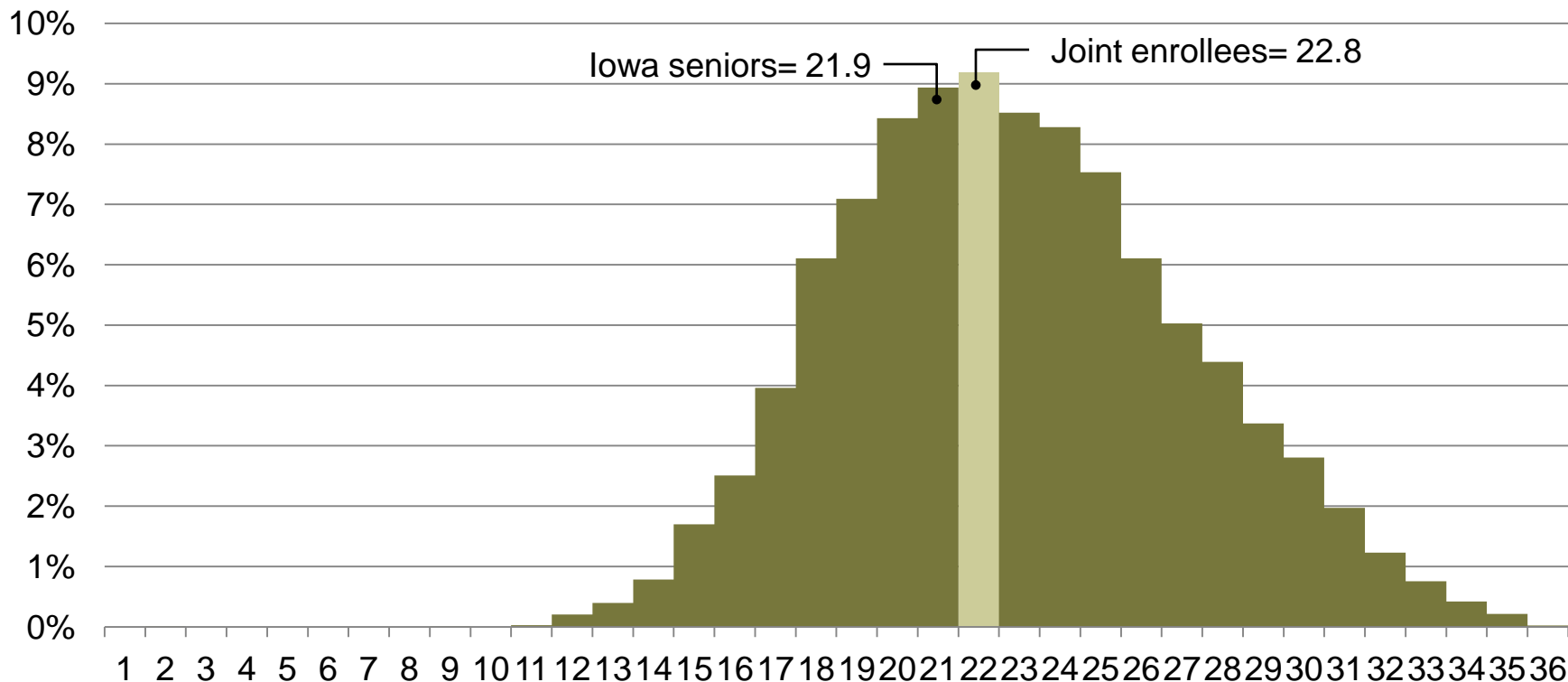
Most joint enrollees, 58 percent, were high school seniors while a third were juniors. Overall, more than 92 percent of joint enrollees were upperclassmen.



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ACT Scores

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Joint enrollees had a higher average ACT composite score than Iowa's seniors. Joint enrollees scored 22.8 on the ACT, which was higher than Iowa's seniors at a statistically significant level.



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Arrangement Type

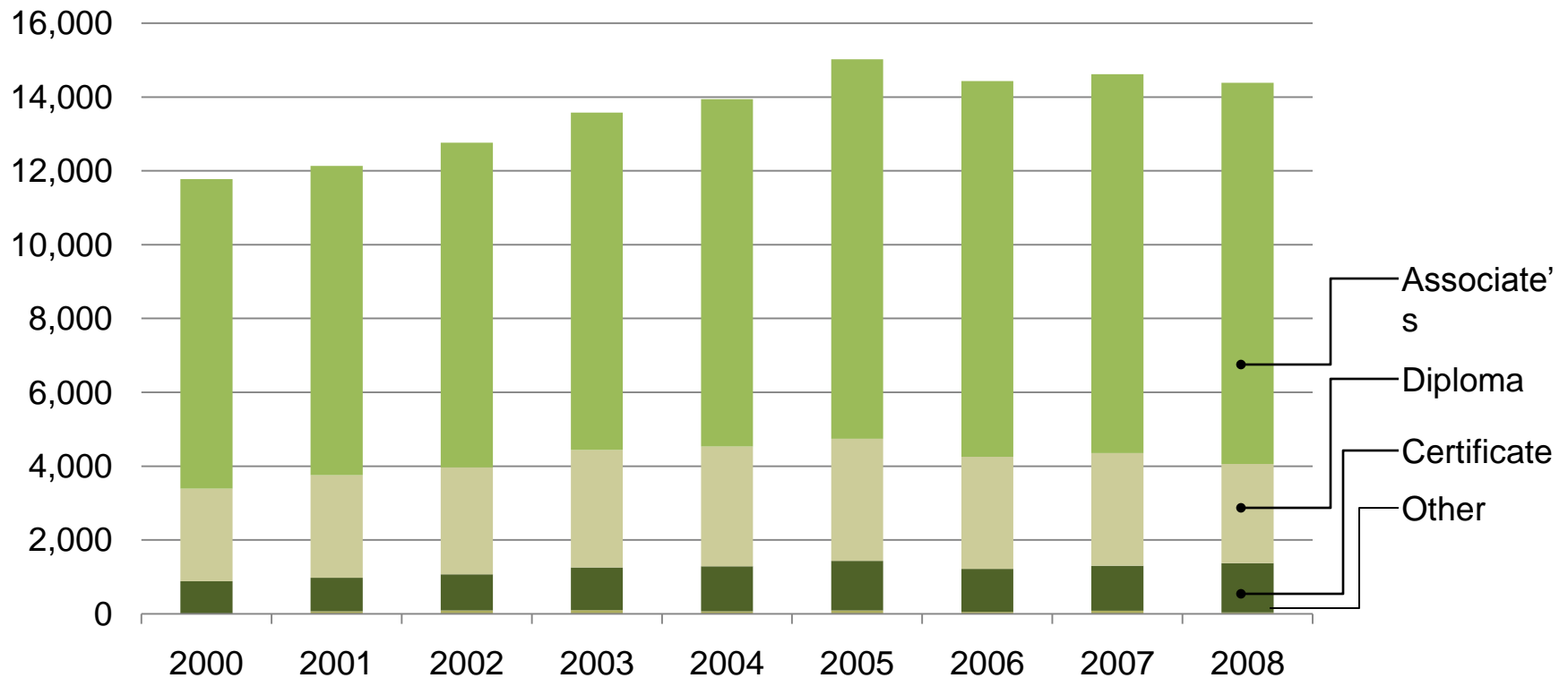


Most joint enrollees are enrolled through contractual agreements (e.g., 28E's), followed by Postsecondary Enrollment Option (PSEO), and tuition payment.



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Student Awards



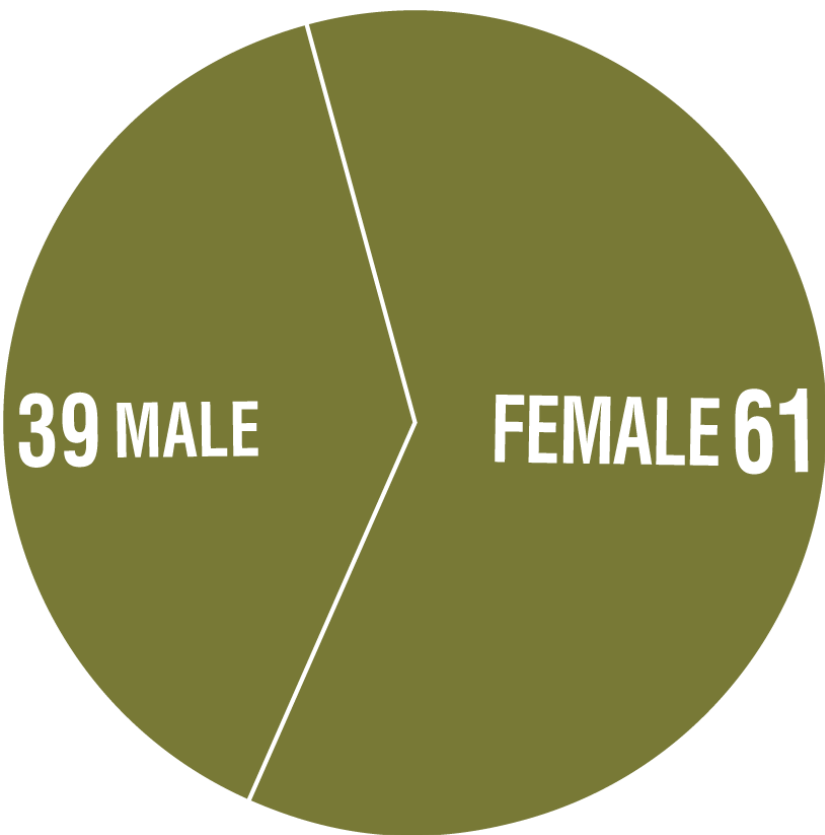
Community colleges granted 14,384 awards last year, a 1.6 percent decrease. Associate's degrees were the largest category of awards.



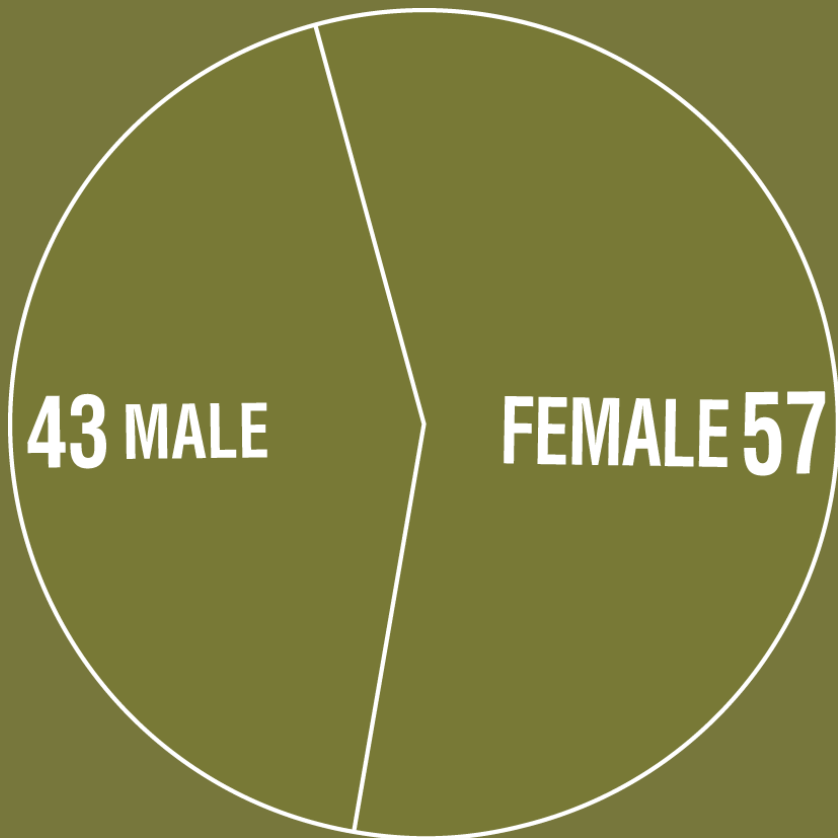
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Awards by Gender

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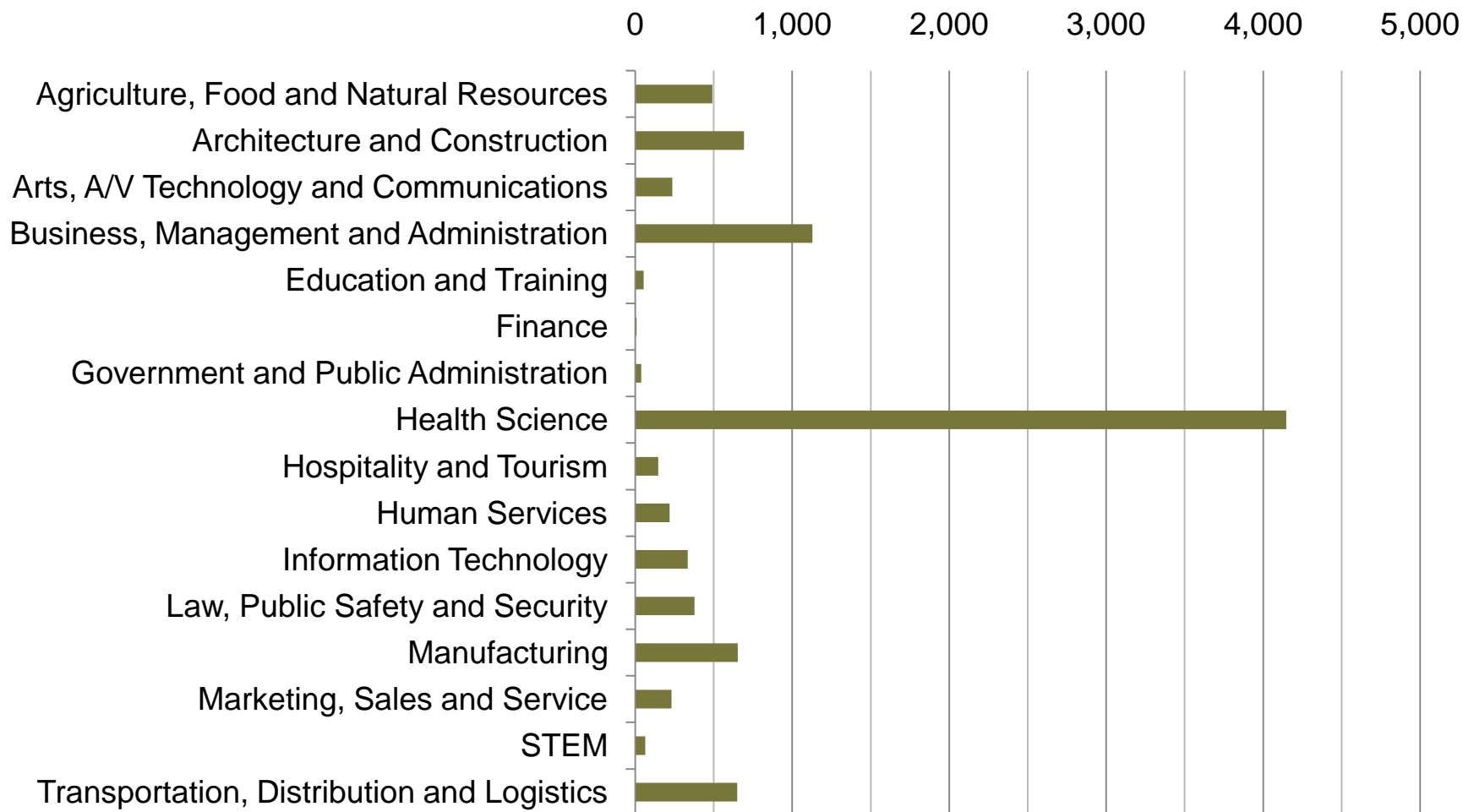


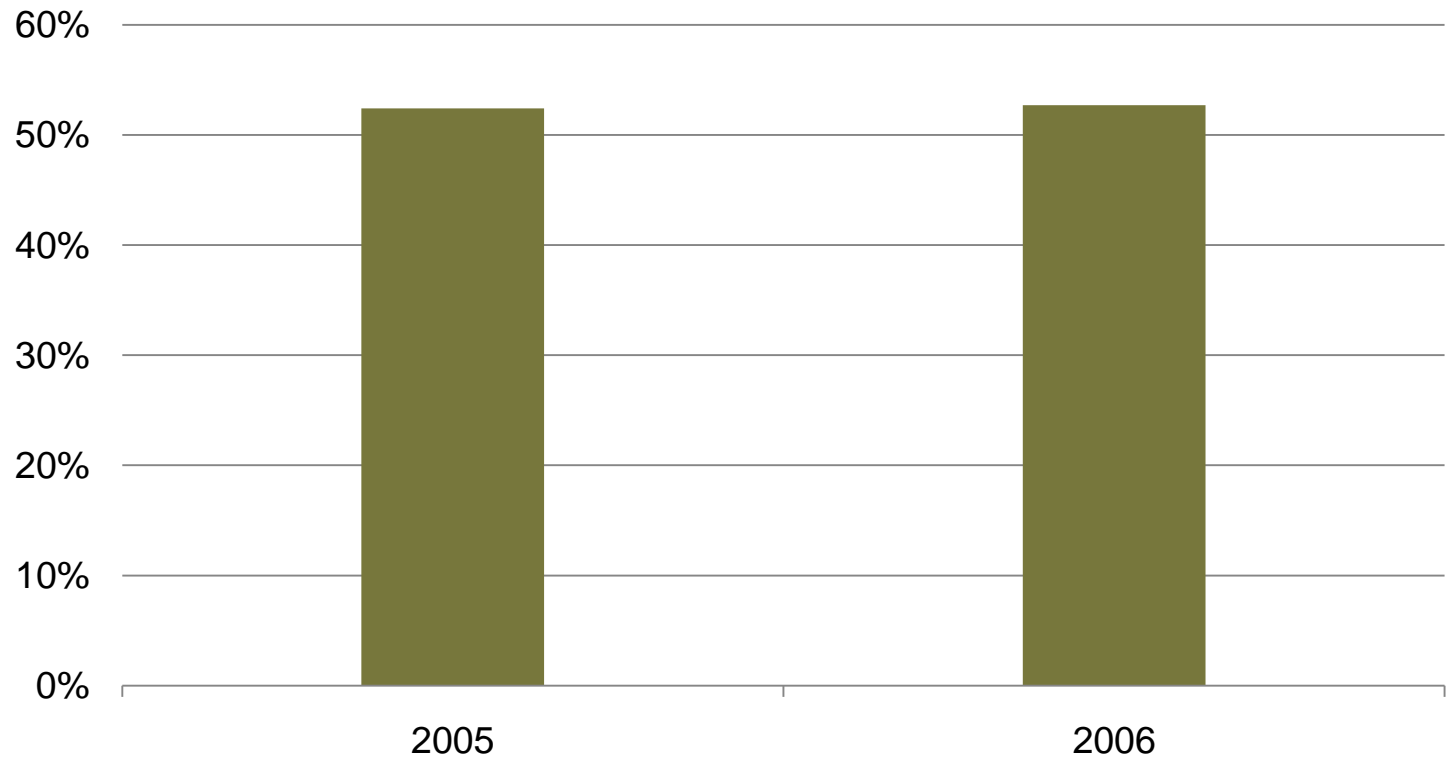
Enrollment by Gender



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Awards by Major





Slightly over 52 percent of first-time, full-time students entering in 2006 either transferred or graduated within three years (by 2008).



3RD Year

Twelve percent of all students receive an award and transfer to a four-year college. Those students are not in this diagram.

15%

5%

4,022
remained

6,027
remained

2ND Year

Most students either graduate or transfer in their 2nd year.

26%

5%

8,735
remained

1ST Year

A third of all students receive multiple awards from community colleges

5%

.05%

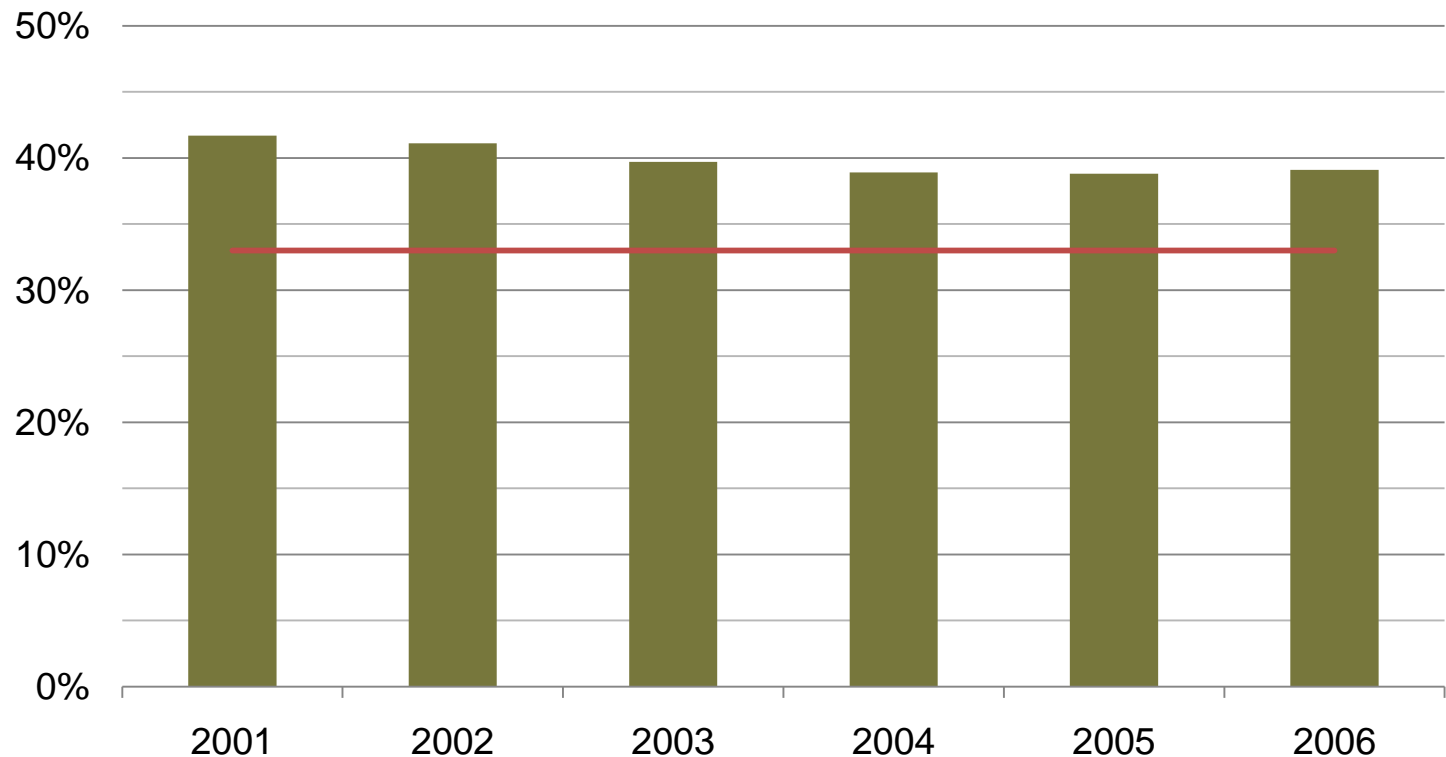
Tracking first-time, full-time students is the same method used in federal reports.

9,243
First-time,
Full-time



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Graduation Rate

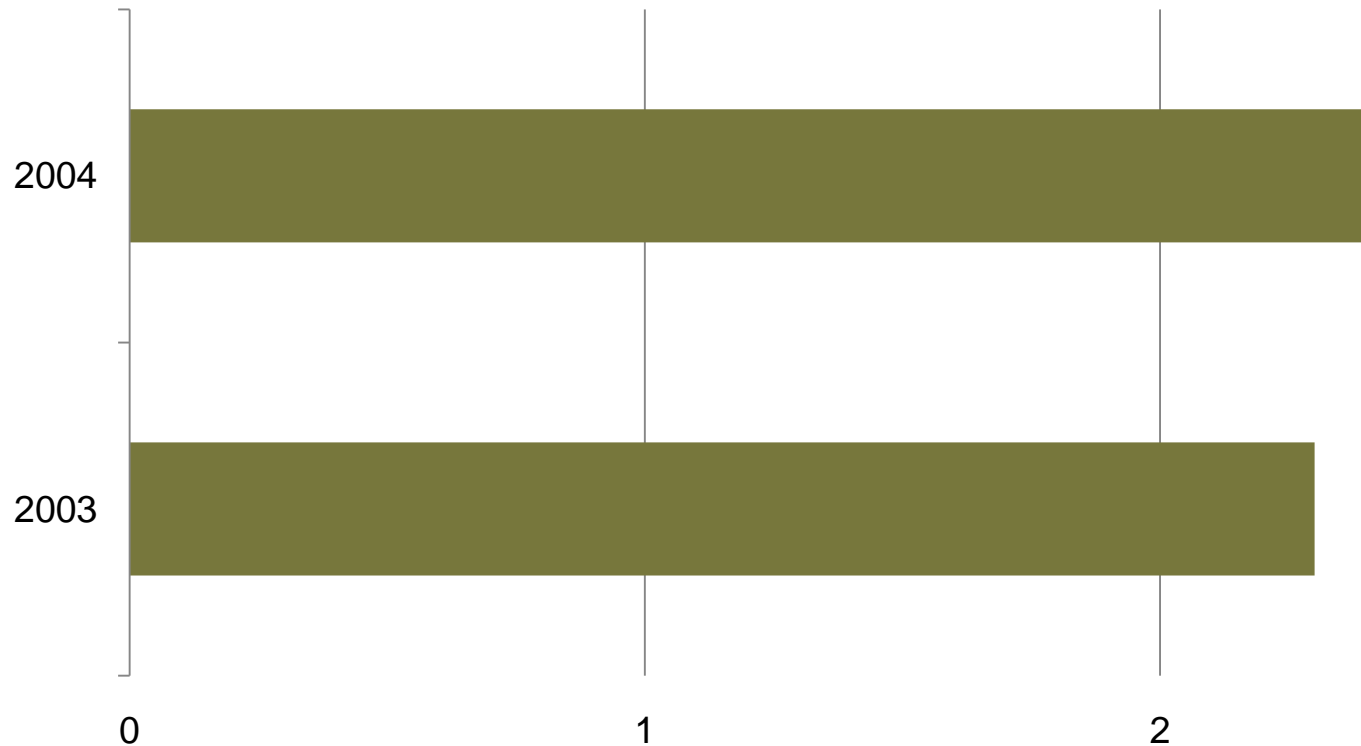


The three year graduation rate for first-time, full-time students rose slightly to 39.1 percent for the 2006 cohort. The graduation rate has fluctuated, but stayed ahead of the national graduation rate (33 percent).



Time to Degree

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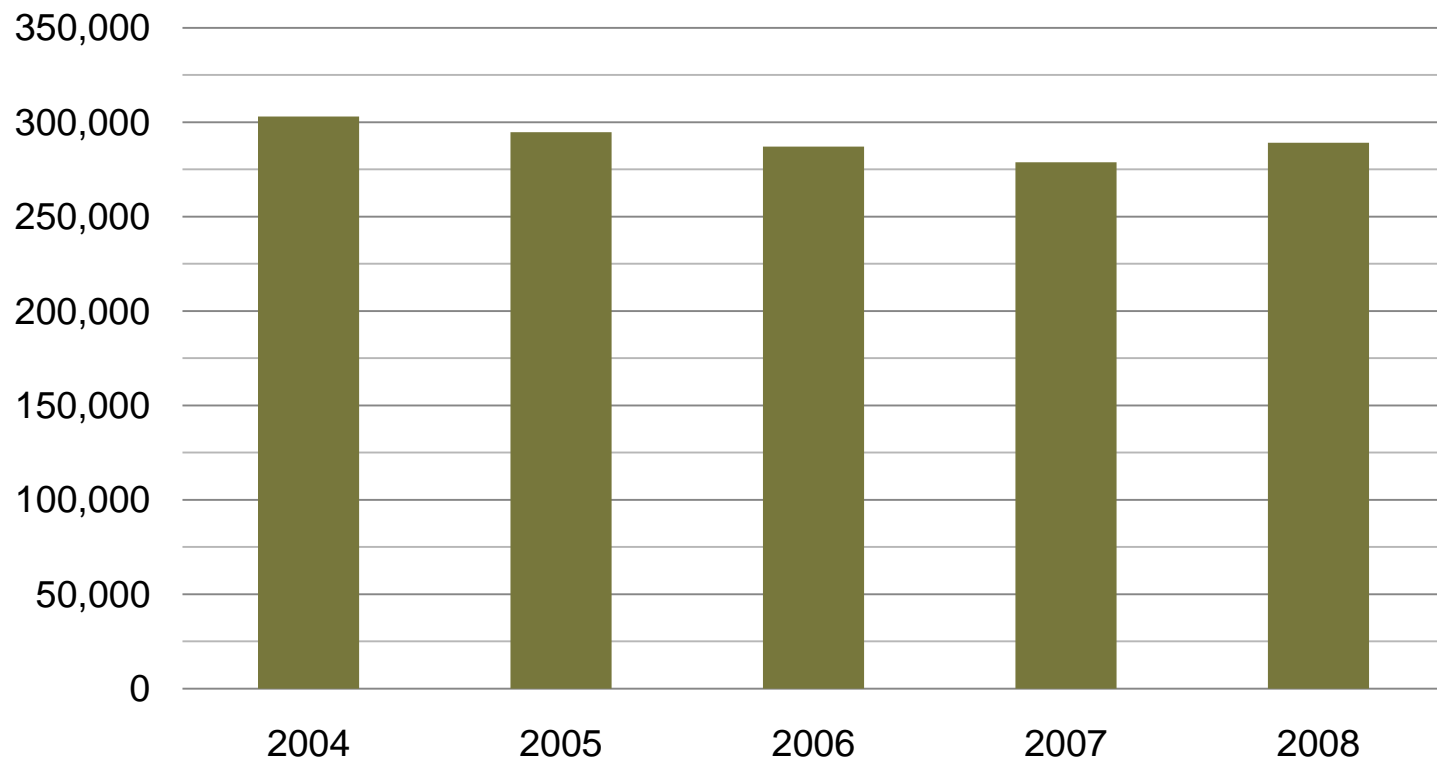


Time-to-degree rose slightly to 2.4 years for the 2004 cohort from 2.3 years.



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Non-credit Enrollment

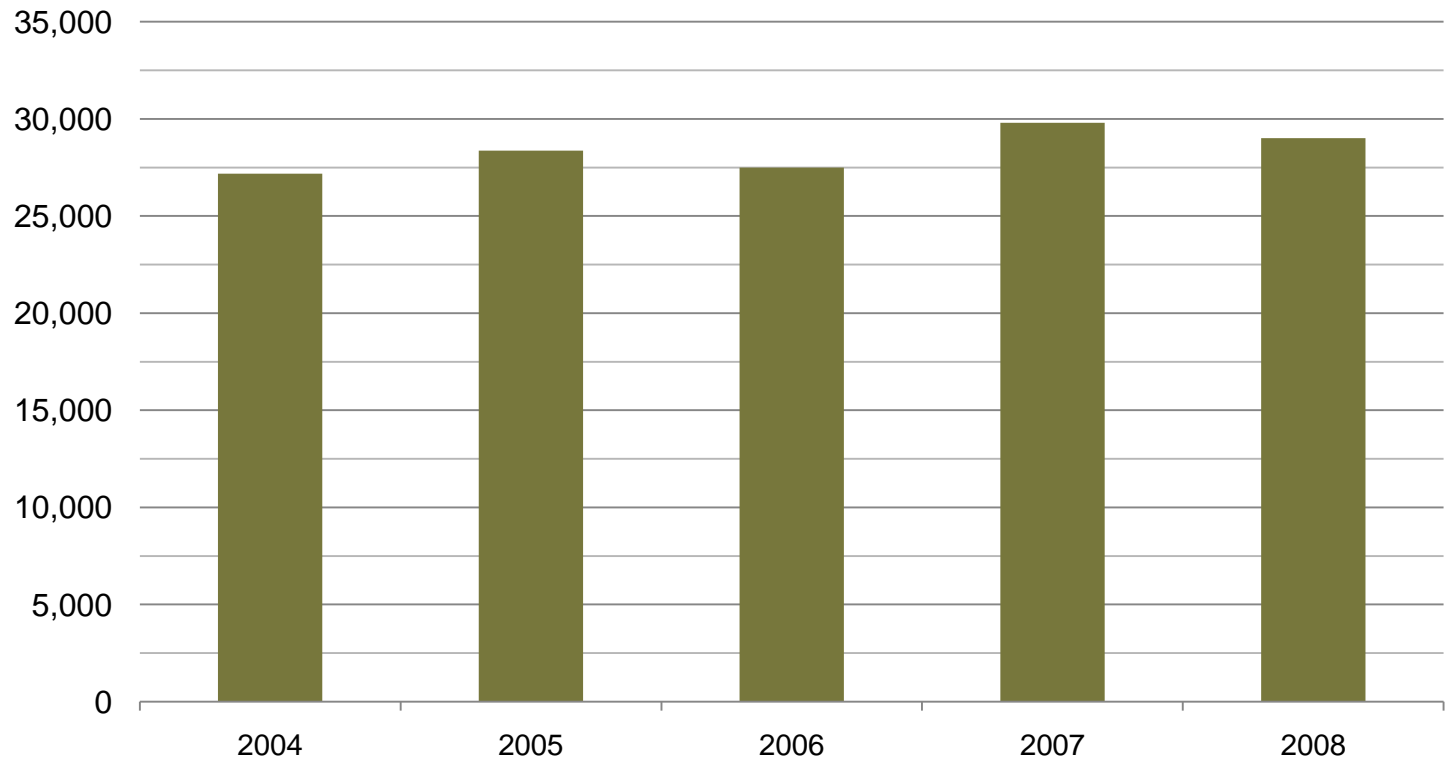


Non-credit enrollment grew 3.7 percent to 289,098 in fiscal year 2008.



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Adult Literacy Enrollment

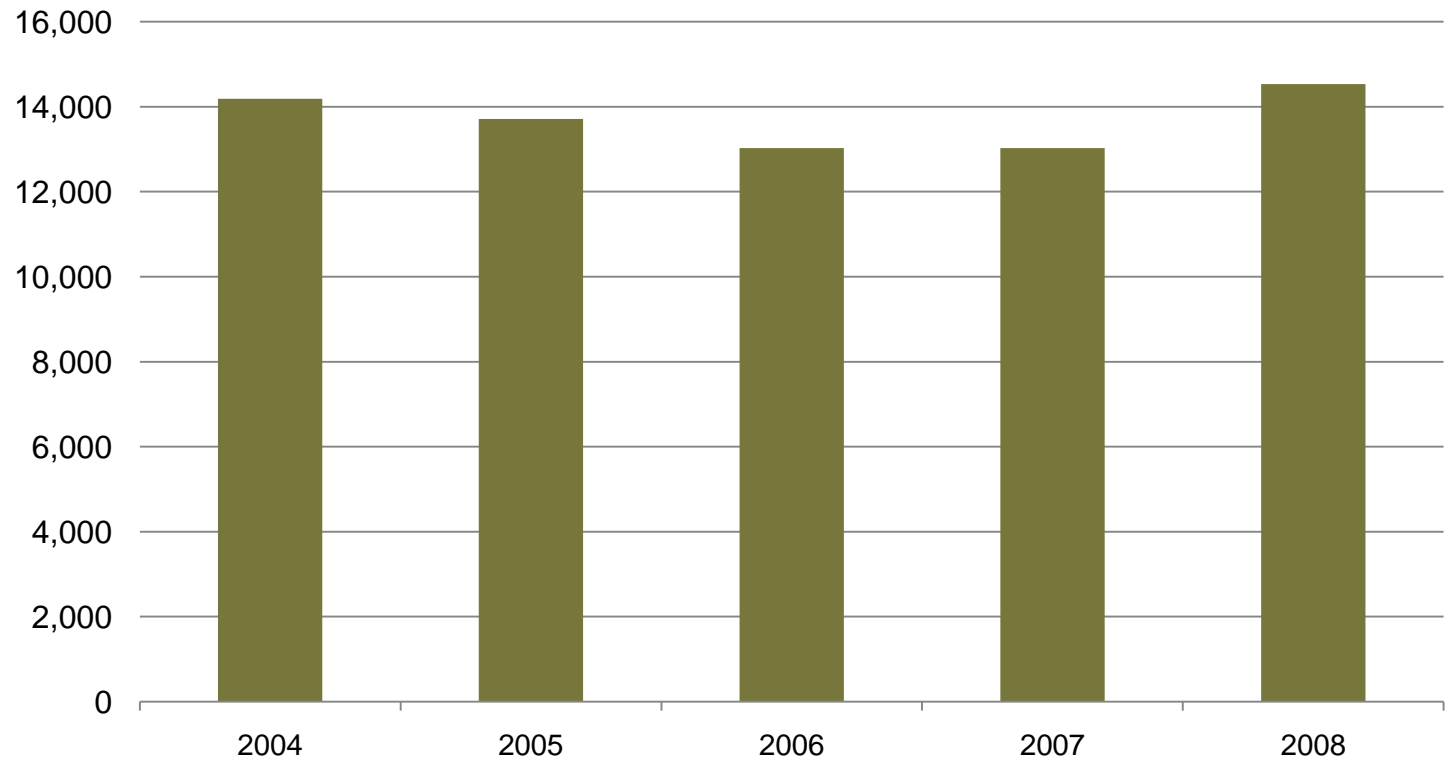


Enrollment in adult literacy declined 2.7 percent to 29,007 students.



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Employees

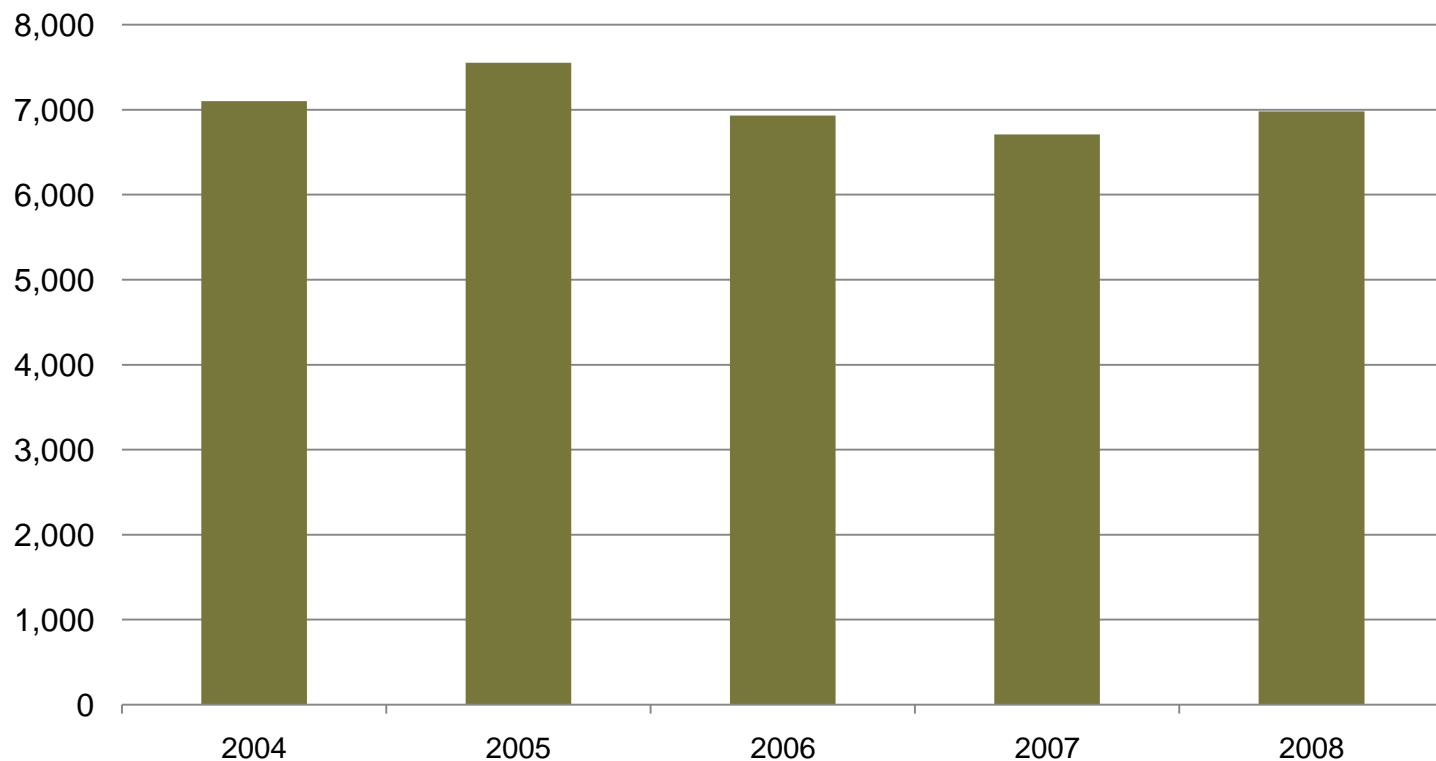


The number of employees grew 11.5 percent since last year to 14,534 employees.



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Instructors

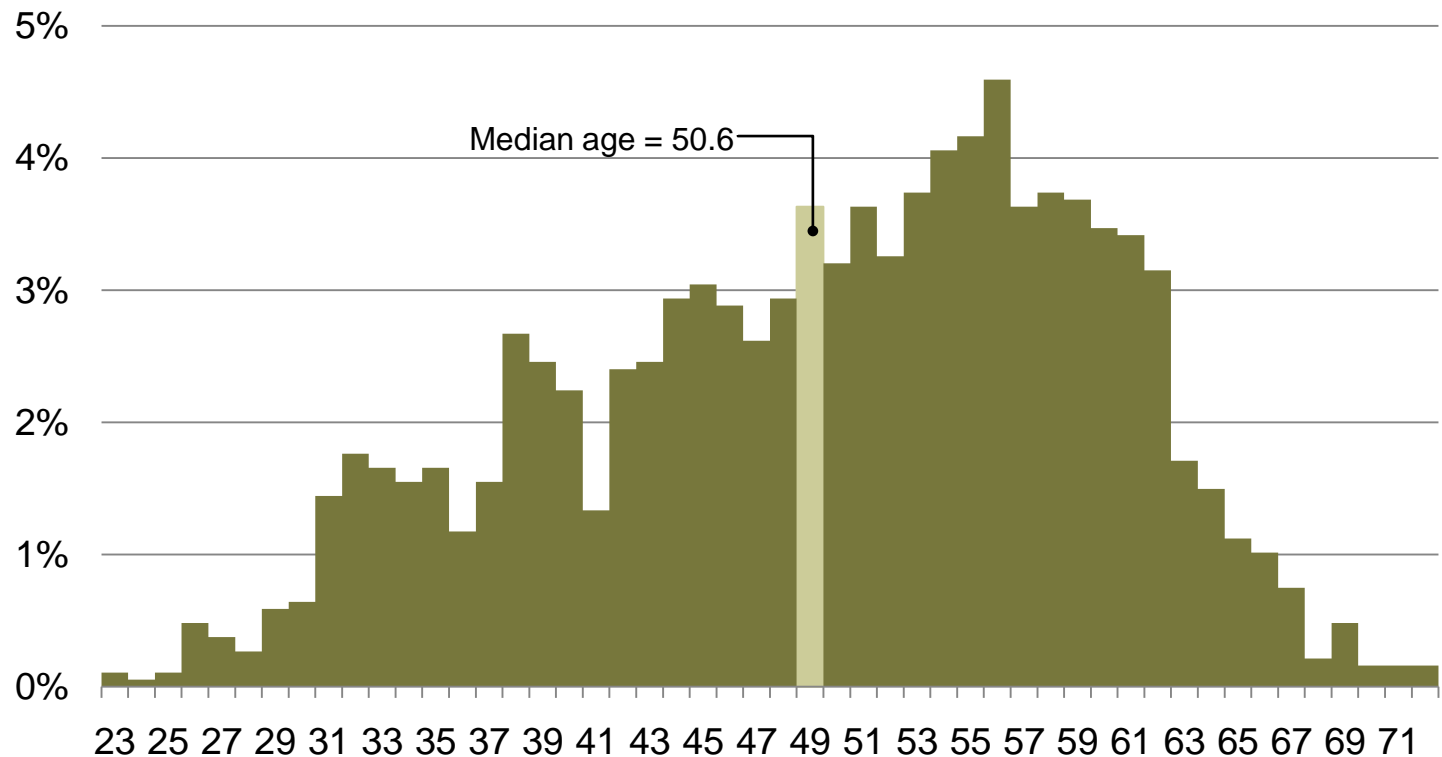


Instructors comprised 48 percent of all employment last year. The number of instructors has remained relatively steady, around 7,000 since 2004.



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Instructor Age

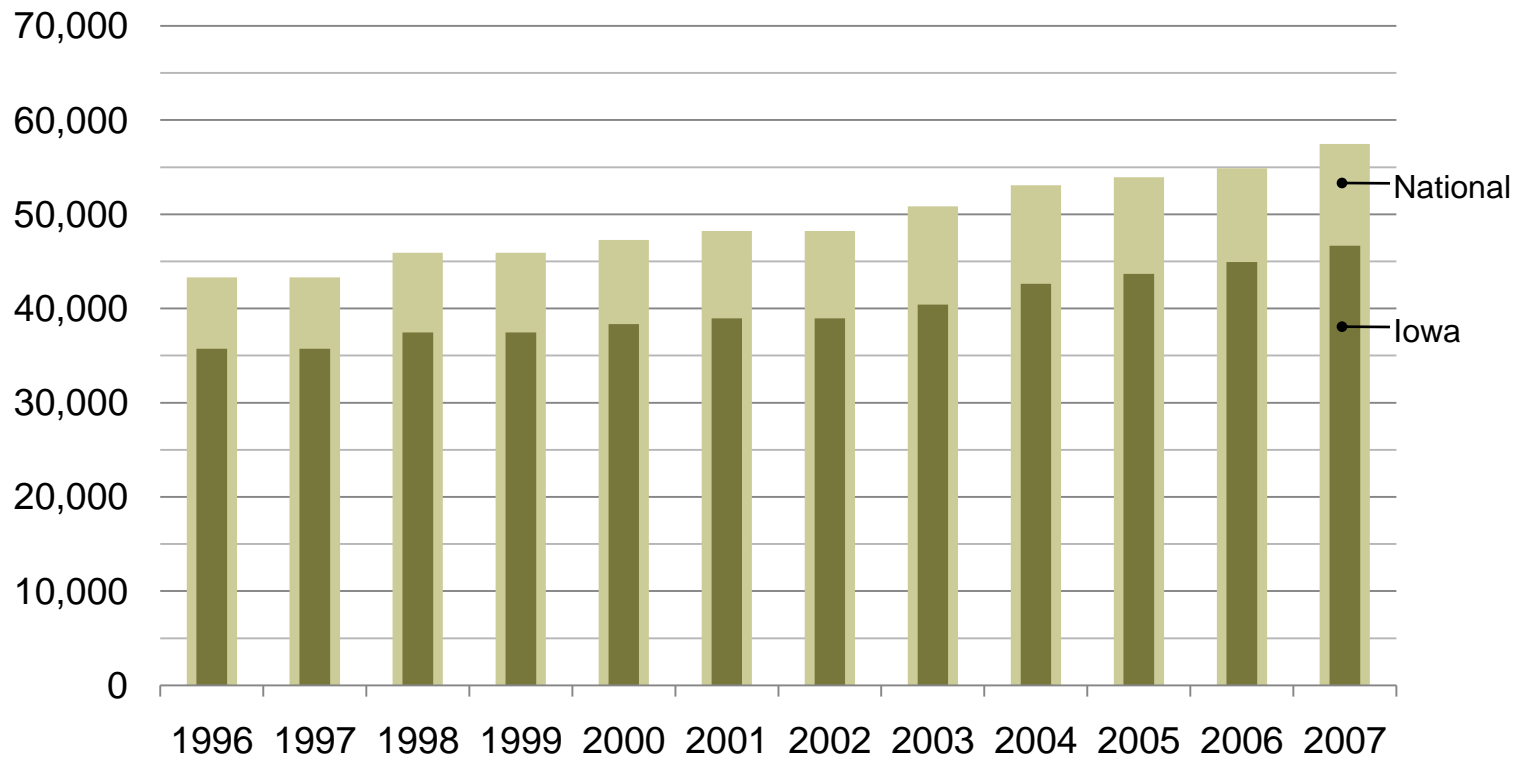


The median age for instructors was 50.6 years-old last year. That is, over half of all instructors are over 50 years-old. Over 37 percent of all instructors are over 72 years old.



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Instructor Salaries



In 2008 the U.S. Department of Education reported the national average for salaries was 23 percent higher than the average instructor salary in Iowa.

